

BRADLEY FOUND AT LAST.

THE SENATOR BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY CITIES COMMITTEE.

HE DECLARES HE HAS BEEN IN THE CITY FOR WEEKS AND DECLINES TO BE SWORN OR TO TESTIFY AS TO BROOKLYN BRIDGE AFFAIRS—A LIVELY SESSION—

COLONEL WILLIAMS, DR. ABBOTT, MR. ROSSI, AND OTHERS ON THE STAND.

The sudden return of the Assembly Cities Committee to room No. 13 of the City Hall to continue the investigation of Brooklyn Bridge affairs yesterday morning was a surprise to many persons and a particularly disagreeable surprise to Senator Daniel Bradley, of Brooklyn, for whom the subpoena-servers of the committee declared they had been searching in vain during a good part of the autumn. Indeed, there was room for the supposition that the recent announcement that the committee had finished its investigation and would be ready to take testimony was a trick to throw "Uncle Dan" off his guard and enable the agents to serve him with a subpoena.

Charles W. Zaring, the committee's counsel, was in high feather when the investigation was resumed yesterday morning, and he said that Senator Bradley had been summoned as a witness and would have to attend or be liable to punishment for contempt. Members of the committee present were Joseph L. Whitte, Senator-elect Pavay, C. C. Cole, James Kennebels and W. H. Driscoll. Before Senator Bradley appeared, President Howell, of the Bridge Trustees, was called to the witness-stand to give some additional testimony.

In reply to Mr. Zaring, President Howell said that the sentiment of the people of Brooklyn was overwhelmingly in favor of permitting the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company to use part of the Brooklyn end of the Bridge for a terminal.

Mr. Howell said he had received about forty letters from prominent citizens of Brooklyn and New York advocating the proposition to give the Brooklyn Heights Company adequate terminal facilities at the Bridge. Mr. Zaring said he had all the letters written in the same place and sent out by the same person. They were in three forms, and Mr. Zaring wanted to prove they were not genuine.

"Were these letters," Mr. Zaring asked, "sent out from your office to be signed?" President Howell replied, hotly: "That is an insulting question!"

"Well, I will ask it all the same," retorted Mr. Zaring. "I won't answer it," snapped Mr. Howell. Senator Bradley entered the room at this point and looked around with a smile. He shook hands with Senator-elect Pavay and appeared to be in excellent humor.

Mr. Zaring later said he would withdraw any imputation that had emanated from the office of the Bridge Trustees.

DR. ABBOTT ON THE STAND.

The next witness was the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott. He said that his opinion there was only one of the relief of the congestion of traffic on the Bridge, and that remedy was a subway from the entrance of the Bridge, under Fulton-st., as far up as Flatbush-ave. Dr. Abbott was opposed to giving up any part of the plaza to the Brooklyn Heights Company.

Professor George W. Whymton, of the Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, who was a member of the Board of Experts appointed in 1890 to consider the question of terminal facilities for the Brooklyn Bridge, testified that he thought Dr. Abbott's plans feasible, if Washington-st. could be excavated so that cars could get under the yards.

TRouble WITH SENATOR BRADLEY.

Then Senator Bradley was called, and there was applause as he took the witness chair and a pinch of snuff. "Senator Bradley," said Mr. Zaring, "you are called here as a witness in the investigation of the management of the Brooklyn Bridge, to testify as to what you know."

"I decline to be sworn or to testify under these circumstances," said Senator Bradley, and he took another pinch of snuff.

"We also call upon you," said Mr. Zaring, "as a citizen who has made certain statements in public as to the management of the Brooklyn Bridge, and we want you to explain what was meant by them."

"This committee has no jurisdiction over me at all," replied Senator Bradley. "I have made no statements, except such as were privileged on the floor of the Senate, and I decline to be interrogated by this committee."

Here Mr. Halpin said: "If you refuse to be sworn you render yourself liable to the Legislature for contempt."

Dr. Bradley snapped back: "Whatever statements I made were privileged, and I say again that this committee has no jurisdiction over me. I don't believe this committee can accomplish anything."

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